

## REQUEST

I am writing in connection to the FOI Act 2000.

I asked the below questions to the MET police. They responded to all of them apart from Q1)II (about ethnicity) and Q1c (about mandatory training) as they said MOPAC are likely to know.

Please could you answer these two questions (Q1)II and Q1c.

“Q1) Does your police force, as of the current date, have an Independent Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel?

1a) If yes: How often do they meet?

I) What date (DD/MM/YYYY) was the panel first operational?

II) How many of the people currently on the panel are from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background? (could you also tell me the total number of people on the panel as of the current date and how many members identified as black).

1b) If your force does have such a panel, are panel members made to review a sample of stop and search records and related body-worn video footage at meetings? This can be a simple Yes or No answer.

1c) If your force does have such a panel, what sort of mandatory training do panel members receive in order to perform their role?

Q2) Does your force provide body-worn video cameras to your officers? If so, to which ones, and is its use mandatory for specific activities (for example, but not limited to: during stop and searches- please specify)?

## RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request of 9 May to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) and I apologise for the delay in replying to you. I can confirm that your request has been handled under the FOI Act 2000, please see responses below:

II) How many of the people currently on the panel are from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background? (could you also tell me the total number of people on the panel as of the current date and how many members identified as black).

MOPAC does not hold this data. The scrutiny panels are independent mechanisms run by communities for communities.

1c) If your force does have such a panel, what sort of mandatory training do panel members receive in order to perform their role?

Scrutiny panels are not currently required to attend mandatory training sessions. However, a number of resources are made available to them, including opportunities to attend police training sessions on the legal framework, access to bite size training videos, and training and guidance on using data dashboards. Peer support is also provided through the Community Monitoring Network facilitated by MOPAC.

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information requests, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>

